

Ithaca Apr 23. 1856

My Dear Mother

The request contained in a postscript to Father's letter of 17th inst shall be complied with in spirit if not in letter, If you have any desire to return to Ithaca the house will be retained for you, and every pains taken to render you comfortable and happy here, If on the other hand it should be your choice to remain in Michigan the things

Can remain in the house
untill there is an opportunity
to rent or sell the house
and then if Jane is not
here to pack them, Mary,
Ann will see to it in
person and I trust
do it quite satisfactory.

I dont know of any
opportunity to either sell
or rent at present,

Our friends here &
hereabouts, are all well
as far as I know =

E.B.C has a job of
building a brick store
for Harri's that he
is about commencing

Elin & her babe are here
on a visit, will remain
a few weeks & then return
to New York,

We have a pleasant
morning after a couple
days of storm =

I was in the house
last Saturday at Fall Creek
where every thing looked
in proper order =

I was looking after father's
books of acct - which I found
on table in kitchen =

With Affectionate

Respect
E Cornell

Ithaca Apr 23. 1856

My Dear Father

Thy favour of 17th inst came to hand last evening, from which I was sorry to learn, that any thing in my former letter should be suggestive of pauperism, no such idea entered my mind, I hate the very word, I hold to a different doctrine, I insist that parents who have reared as large a family as mine have, are justly regarded as benefactors to the state, and have an investment in the affections of their children equal to supplying all their wants in old age. In your case, it is true that you have something left, that the law and the world calls property. and I should be glad to see it so disposed as to add most to your independence and comfort, without being subject to diminution from supplying your daily wants. I forwarded a statement of my account some days ago, showing the amount of balance in my hands. There is enough to purchase a house & lot in Albion or such other

place that may please your fancy.

I had supposed that it would be your choice to make such a disposition of the amount that I owe for money borrowed some years ago.

If this should be your policy it would furnish a pleasant home, ^{among} the hearth ^{stone} of which, your numerous descendants would gather as opportunity offered, to pay their tribute of affection and receive a blessing in your approval of their deeds.

There is nothing I trust in this suggestive of paperism, there is nothing further from that hateful condition, and nothing further from my heart than to use any expression suggestive of it.

The time allotted to man, has been beautifully measured out to my Dear Father and ~~and~~ the termination of his pilgrimage cannot be remote, and it is a most pleasant ^{duty} for me, to do all in my power to render pleasant the remainder of his days - trusting in a kind Providence for his happiness in the land of Spirits, when God wills his departure from us =

Elijah } With Affectionate regard
Eunice } E Cornell
Cornell Union

Globe Village, Southbridge Mass Apt 28th

Dear Sir,

I have obtained a patent for my Printing Telegraph, and can therefore answer you. It is not my purpose to build them, for I have not the means and could do nothing without borrowing, which I do not like to do.

Still I would rather sell to one likely to put it into immediate use, and give it a chance to be used with other patents, for I think I have accomplished in this invention about what was desired by Operators.

There is no Printing Telegraph unless it be Hughes, which I have not seen, that can begin with this for Surenaps & other advantages; being just as sure for printing as Morse & Bain's are for dots & dashes, and with as little trouble, no cleaning & regulating &c required. But Hughes uses bands & friction, and from my experience in them for the three years that I have worked a House machine, I know that they are not as sure as clock work, however used.

Circumstanced as you are, you could probably do a great deal better with it than I could, but ^{as} my object is to sell, & sell for cash only, I put it at once at my lowest figure, ten thousand dollars, which, to average it, is but little over seven hundred dollars per year for the exclusive right for the U. S.

I would not sell it at this price for property other than money; and if you do not want it, I think I shall commission a Broker in New York, who has offered to do so, to sell it for me.

Please keep the price a secret, and reply. If I place it in New York to be sold, I intend to raise the price to cover commission and expenses.

I want to get a home of my own where I can settle down for life & be contented. I want also to obtain a patent on another subject, not connected with Telegraphs, which I can sell by territory, therefore money will serve me better than anything else.

I am somewhat crippled with rheumatism just now, but I hope the warm weather will soon carry it off.

Yours Truly

A. Putnam

[Apr. 28, 1856]

This agreement, entered into ~~between~~
John D Stone of Syracuse, of the first part
and Eva Correll of Ithaca of the second
part Writings, as follows.

That the said party of the first part
having made certain arrangements
with the Syracuse & Binghamton Railroad
Company, and other preparations, for
procuring subscriptions to the stock of
a Telegraph Company and building a
line of Telegraph from Syracuse to Binghamton
agrees with the party of the second part
to assign and transfer, and by these pres-
ents do assign & transfer all of said
arrangements, subscriptions & preparations,
to the party of the second part, together with
the good will and influence of the said party
of the first part, ^{towards} ~~towards~~ the further pro-
secution and accomplishment of said
project, for the benefit of said party of
the second part.

The said party of the first part also agrees
to devote his personal services to procur-
ing subscriptions in Syracuse to the capital
stock for building said line of Telegraph
under such arrangements, as the said
party of the second part, shall pre-
scribe, not conflicting with his other duties.

In consideration of the foregoing pro-
visions, the party of the second part
agrees to pay the party of the first
part five hundred dollars in the man-
ner, and on the conditions following,

to With,

In case the said parties succeed in realising two thousand dollars from subscriptions of stock obtained by either party then, the party of the first part, is to receive two hundred and fifty dollars in cash as so realised, and two hundred & fifty dollars in the stock of said Telegraph Company, if one is formed, or in the stock of the New York & Western Union Telegraph Co.

In case the sum so realised amounts to three thousand dollars, the said Stone is to have three hundred & seventy five dollars in cash & one hundred and twenty five dollars in stock as above.

But in case four thousand or more dollars in cash is thus realised then the said Stone is to have five hundred dollars in cash and no stock.

It is further agreed that when said line is completed, the said Stone is to have the preference as manager or Superintendent of said line, he performing said service on terms as favourable to the Company as any other competent person.

Witness our hands & seals this
28th day of April, A.D. 1856;

J. D. Stone
E. Cornell

Wed May 2' 1856

E Cornell Esq
D^r Sir

Enclosed you have
Six shares of E & M Stock at 20\$
per share - you will pls credit me
with the same (\$120) - The balance I will
send soon. would send it now but the
parties whom ^{Sold} ~~sent~~ it are out of town -
therefore cannot have it assigned
till they return -

You should not charge
me interest on that old Western
debt - E & M Co never would
have got it any other way -
they had considered it bad for
long time - I think the falling
would be about right -

I owe E & M

\$252.00

The Enclosed 6 shares E & M Stock	120.00
My bill enclosed	25.00
	145.00
will send 5 shares more up	100.00
" " Cash	7.00
	\$252.00

(over)

Will this be satisfactory. I think
it should be - Please let me
hear from you on receipt of this -

Yours truly
J. S. Proctor

Oswego May 3/56

Dear Sir

Yours of 23rd last month just rec^d +
In reply I would say I think we could make
an arrangement that would be quite satisfactory
to both of us. If you will meet me at Syracuse
or Binghamton Buffalo or Rochester we
can talk the matter over + conclude at
once. The line I have just completed is
built by me alone no man has any stock
in but myself. I have also completed
arrangements to build on S. Y. + B. R.R., I
have some considerable wire + best Quality of
No 9 I also have 350 Yellow Cedar Poles left
25 ft long + 4 inches across top + Pealed + Seasoned
+ some Schemut + Instruments enough for
the Binghamton line - I also have a line
Running from S. Harbour to Watertown
+ from there to Lake Vincent - which I
intend to connect by cable to Kingston Canada
my motives are to tap Canada in its center
+ get all Canada business for the East + South
this way. I also own one quarter of the old
Grand Trunk Telegraph of Canada now
International line running between Buffalo
+ Montreal this will work with me

+ I would be very happy to make such arrangements as would be to our joint interest & any thing that can be done against the consolidate old Morse line I am ready to do. Please name the time as early as possible and as near here for a change of ideas & see if we can hitch together as I must commence by the 1st day of June to erect the Poles for the Binghampton line I have the right of way already granted me by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of ~~the~~ ^{the} N.Y. & B. R.R. My line is built ~~in~~ the winter & consequently not as good as if it had been built in the summer. It running through a very bad swamp with a quick sand bottom it is quite difficult to get the Poles to stand plumb & many consequently are leaning. I have now men to work & putting it in the best of order & shall commence telegraphing on Monday. I remain yours &c

J. Pouchen

P.S. Write me here or telegraph me when you write & with as little delay as possible

Thaddeus Pouchen

Randall to the Court -
May 7. 1856.

E. & M. Tel. Co.

12/15/56

1. John Doolittle, Operator at
Pawville - June 14. Rec'd
a dispatch from L. J. Randall
which he sent to Erie -
gave copy to Randall -
2. A. P. Parns, Operator of wigs
& Pughs in Pittsburgh line
at Erie - Books show a
dis rec'd from Randall at
Pawville, & on same day
sent to Meadville -
rec'd the dis. in full.
inter it out & send the
copy by the other (Pughs
line) copy is the one
sent on Pughs line -
copies from the copy
sent on Pughs - the one
sent was "45" Rec'd "40"
3. C. W. Mead, operator in
Pughs line at Meadville
rec'd a dispatch. p. for
Randall -
4. C. C. Hudson, agent of the Cr
Co. - Meadville situated - Monday
afternoon rec'd a dispatch - on
Tuesday morning rec'd the dis-
patch in question, was assem-

bled at the dispatch - ~~sent~~
lot in consequence ^{under the influence} of the dis-
patch, 55 to 60,000 lbs. - pt. lot
at 5¢ more than he would have
given if not for the dis. lot
as close as he could - packed
in a hurry & rapidly - moved
lot before Friday - when he thought
there was an error -

60 or 70,000 in M. Saturday -

5. C. C. Hudson 2^d

6. George H. Harris, Purchaser for
Mpps - pd June 35 to 50 - 14th
June on rec'd thinks between 8 &
9 - on rec'd that dispatch
he could up to 45 -
Mpps & Erie Co. thinks 15,000
lot that day in Meadville -
In Sept least price of wool
coming down.

7. Wm. Bowers from 20 May
to 27th June was at Meadville
for 37 1/2 to 41 - This was market
price - could not have been
sold at price 1st - Hudson
could have lot for less than
he pd for wool - 2 1/2 to 5¢ more.

8. Paul Harris, worth 40

9. George W. Beale in June was in
Meadville - wool low in qual-
ity & price - estimate value at

35 to 40 - Cows not have been
resold at over 40 - not for
45 - not there till after
all the wool wt. & only
24 hours - told Hudson the
prices were too high, & to
stop buying -

10 Horace Cullum, gave from
35 to 43 - to 15th June, after
average 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ - obliged for
2 purchases 44 + 45 -
quite a change from 13 to 14
June - after 14 June Hudson
pt. 4 to 5c above market
price -

11 Octavia's Holdings - Compe-
tition of buyers - tendency
upward, during the season.
about middle of June is close
of season

12. A. H. Spruick - started
at 35 got up to 45 - & to
come to Hudson at 45 to 46.
a man from Phil^a who
called for wool - & then so
it was north 40 to 45 -
& to Hudson between 9 +
10 -

13 Seaver J. Mawell, ex. E. O.
Cott & H. B. Mawell - & some
Blanchard, & Thos M. Bent -
Blanchard of " - These 2 firms

new parties, in buying the
wool - not there on Saturday
before the 14th - not offered
1 lot at 41c - north from
40 to 41 - & so not there
of the mistake until Hudson
got back about a week after -
lower grades ^{at the} than Northern Ohio
7 to 10c.

X

S. J. Mawell recalls - The dis-
sent to Hudson was to govern
his purchases at Kingman -
not north there more than
at Nevada -

depts testimony

1. M. O. Roberts, Bot wool in Meadville in 53- 9 July lot sold by me at 50¢ - at Meadville not better than Muech's lot probably by 5 to 8¢ more than an average of Muech's lots - my offers ³ Muech's than from 43 to 45¢ from 10 to 12 of June 1 lot 41 - the other 44 to 45 -

X
Tendency upwards till 9th July at M. pretty uniform prices during month June -

2 James Hamilton, now Superintendent of E. & M. Tel. in 1883. It extends from Buffalo to Milwaukee not to Meadville - Says line to M. no connection between them - Each acts as equal for the other so far as the dis. is to go over the other line - gets no concern on the shape over the other line. Parsons, now superintendent at Erie on O & P line -

3 C. C. Hudson Corp & me - average brisk medium, Muech's were buying from 1 to 14 June at 40 to 45 - Sometimes Muech's paid in cash, & goods - large lots sold at 42, 45, 47 - up to 14 June. He'd a dis. from Randall 20 June, "pay 35¢ to

45-45- 12th 42 1/2 on 1 June 14 June on average - Should have paid more than this dis. 42 to 43 from same quality but not on & after 14 June - on 14 June a lot sold from 43 to 47 -

4 James H. Wick - average quality 44 to 45 on 14 June prices kept up to middle of July - Wool market governed by competition, not by disposition a purchase from Phil^a with 12th higher prices others were obliged to come up to his prices - 12th 50 & 12 - Hudson had to advance his prices to keep up with others - after 14 June purchased 500 -

5 J. H. Lusk Hudson lot before 14th June 45 to 48 - 35 to 37th - Hudson 1st he should pay as much as any one - he told me he paid 42 to 43 -

6 J. J. Shryer, 4 June common wool 109 lbs 44 1/4 - 14 - 5638 - 43 common 47 1/2 June 24 June com. 45¢ - 9 July 11000 at 50¢ - mixed lot - Elliot & Co. quite a number of purchases June - did not decline until after sale -

Run of no sales before 14th
June at less than 44

B. H. Gunnick, Price about
45 - sold our lot at that price
thinks in July, might have been
lost of June, good, but no effect.

X lot from 35 to 46 - pt. in cost
pt. in goods & pt. in goods & cost -
lower earlier in season, higher
later in season -

C. M. Burton was in trade
in Meadville. wool from 42 to
45 average 44 - for 2 to 4
weeks tendency upward - lots
not higher after. Wool
fell in latter part of summer.

J. J. Shryver, after 14th June
average lot 45 - in 1st
July could sell for 45 - in
first part of June sold a lot
not an average for 44 - tried
to purchase at 45 in July -

C. M. Burton good average
lots could have been sold
at 45 till 10 July

Wm. J. Dixon, lots for 43 -
14 June - sold to 1st July - not
a material advance on the
14 June - sold as he offered
on 13th -

J. B. Dick - 1st June to 1st
July 43 - tendency up till
1st July - sold to Hudson -
the price was raised in -
consequence of a man from the
buying -
40^c to 14 June -

J. B. Dick, lot 3,000 in June
Market price from 14 June
to 1st July 45 to 46 - Price
advanced till 1st July, 8,000
lot 43^c - not lot less than 45
to 1st July

C. M. Mead, on 14 June Hudson
lot large lots - Wheldon told
me to tell Hudson he would
give him an advance of 1^c
for his wool

J. J. Shryver, Price increased
from 14 June to 1st July -
44 to 45 on 14 June & after
that rose -

C. M. Burton, 43 to 52^c from 14
June to 1st July - medium
45^c -

S. M. Wheldon, Meadville
14 June - lot 43 - 47 1/2^c - soon
after breakfast made the purchase
that market price - advanced

Buffalo May 4, 1856

My Dear, Mary Ann

I spent 2 days & 3 nights at
Homer, and almost fell in love
with it as a place of residence.
Homer is really the pleasantest
village I know of for a re-
sidence, clean neat & tidy
with a first rate moral sur-
rounding provoking the inhabitants.

I got some progress in our
business and guess we shall
get stock subscribed to build
a telegraph through them from
Binghamton to Syracuse.

I was at Syracuse most
of Friday & saw Norman, all
well there. In evening went
to Rochester, and find that
the earnings of Union Co.
first half of year since con-
solidation will be enough
to pay you 3 per cent for the

the cor. is paying off its debt, which at present rate will
take 3 1/2 years, after that it will pay at least 10 per cent, say
\$350, per an or ~~some~~ per day = 4 years. E. Cornell

half year on your Embellish
stock, There will be a dividend
made probably of 3 per cent payable
1st June, this will make your
dividend \$88.50. If you cannot
get along without the funds
till that time I presume that
The Tompkins Co Bank would
cash your Draft at 30 days
if they happened to have plenty
of funds on hand and Williams
should be pretty good natured,
I guess I will draw a
draft for you so if you
want and think best to
ask Mr N. J. Williams to
cash it you can do so.

I shall go west in morning
to Toledo first = perhaps.
Stopping some by the way
There will be a letter from
T. Reichert from Oswego for
me, and perhaps others about
Cedar Hills, which you

enclose in one package
and send to "E Cornell Esq
Care Telegraph Office Toledo
O" and be sure you get
stamps enough on the
package to cover postage
as it will lay in the P.O.
at La if not fully paid =

I saw H. Moors, this fore-
noon, He feels well, and I
guess he is making money.
He says they made \$10,000
last year, and have more
orders for Carr wheels than
they can fill with their
present facilities for making
them =

Curtis Mix, and John
King & Sam King are here
to work for him, I saw him
at his shop, he said his
family were well,

We have had a beautiful day, as pleasant as last Sunday but not as warm the air is chilled here yet by the ice floating about the lower end of Lake Erie - I don't think the boats will get to running from here before the tenth or middle of May.

The earnings of our telegraph is as follows over all expenses

November	1855	\$4,999.74
Decr	"	3,507.06
Jan	1856	2,013.91
Feb	"	1,226.31
Mar	"	4,731.99
April	not made up yet but will be as much as March - Say -	
		\$4,731.99
		\$24,191.00

The next half year will be much better

I estimate it at - \$32,000.00

which will make the first year of consolidation earn 11 per cent on the entire stock of the Co.

I believe I have about 11 shares more stock due in from parties owing me that I have agreed to take. I shall give it to you when I get it which will make yours up to 70 shares which will pay you at least \$3 per share per annum while

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Mrs. L. J. Corwin
Shaw
Amphlett C
Wm.

Adrian May 3rd 56

Mr Cornell

Sir

Enclosed I send you
Statement for S.M. Line for
this office, the rent which Mr
Newell told you about and which
you telegraphed me to pay is 33 dolls
instead of 23 as he told you

Yours Respectfully
B. J. Cole

Detroit May 3rd 56
D. Cornell Esq.
Albion

Dear Sir

The Rochester
people per Judge Linton are very
wishing that I should stipulate
to admit Amos Handells dep-
osition taken the case of Morse
& others v. S. O'Rielly & others, in
the two cases now pending here
between them & us. — I don't
understand the subject well
enough to give them an
answer; and I beg you to
come in & help me. It is
important. Why cannot
these suits be settled amic-
ably? What are these
Rochester folks driving at?
Come in! — Col. Spauldough
also has been consulted; but
he is I know not where.

Yours truly

J. M. Howard

Binghamton May 5th '56
J. Cornell or
J. S. Tichenor ^{mp}

I have made my best efforts with the Subscription & meet with very poor success - worse than I anticipated - Business men here complain that they have been "bit" once before taking stock in the old Ithaca & Binghamton & W. Union Co's - & peremptorily decline having anything to do with the Syracuse Line - Still if I had sufficient time to work I think quite a sum can be raised. One of you better come here & make an effort & until that time I will do all I possibly can -

Now do things progress between here & Syracuse? Is there much prospect of its completion? Write and advise us to this place

Yours
G. H. Cooke

will be found in another column.

MELANCHOLY CASUALTY.—About ten o'clock this morning, as William B. Sloan, Esq., was standing near the corner of Lake and Clark sts., engaged in the purchase of some trees, there exposed for sale, a heavy iron insulator weighing several pounds, fell from a telegraph pole above his head, striking, and probably fracturing, the fore part of his skull. Mr. Sloan was taken up senseless and covered with blood carried into Sawyer's drug store, whence he was removed to his rooms at the Tremont House and medical aid summoned, Drs. Herriek and Bloodgood giving him every attention. His situation is considered very critical.

Mr. Sloan is a resident of Woodstock, McHenry County, in this State, and is widely known as connected with the railroad interests of the Northwest.

Repairs have been in progress about the telegraph poles.

A change was being made in the wires of the Speed Line, and one of them was being temporarily transferred to the insulator of the House Line, on this wire. Several men were pulling when the strain proving too heavily for the insulator, it parted with the sad result narrated.

LATER, 1 P. M.—Mr. Sloan is still living, but in a very critical situation. An examination of the injury has shown a wound of some four inches in length, across the head, near the coronal suture, and a fracture of the skull, of some three inches in length. As yet the symptoms are not those of compression, and no operation has been deemed necessary. Mr. Sloan came into the city this morning, on his way to New York.

For the Tribune.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Noticing the editorial remarks in the *Journal* last Saturday evening, upon the melancholy accident of the falling of the House Telegraph Company's insulator, unfortunately, upon the head of Wm. Sloan, Esq., give me reason to believe that that statement does not set forth the facts. I will state what I believe to be the facts. Last Saturday morning, the Southern Mich. Telegraph Co., were transferring the possession of their wires and instruments from the Office of House's Printing Co., into Speed and O'Reilly's office, which was done in a few minutes, between 9 and half past 9 A. M.

After the wires were adjusted into Speed & O'Reilly's, the hands had entirely left the wire and had nearly completed their work in the office and battery rooms before the accident. Here we find a space of nearly three fourths of an hour of unmolestation of the wire. We speak certain and positively—and also equally certain that there was no *pulling* nor *straining* by several men—enough only was pulled and strained to carry the wire from one window to another in the same corner of the building. We have the veracity of several reliable persons for proof.

This sad accident is seriously regretted. Mr. Edward Creighton, the builder of that line, is well known to be an old experienced telegraph line builder. His integrity for prudence is unquestioned, yet his prying eyes may occasionally pass a defect unseen.

Journal May 5 1855 Tribune May 7

Confidential

Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company,

Utica, May 6th 1856.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

In regard to what you say Monroe telegraphed you about your arrangement with Stone I would say that I cannot conceive why he should thus telegraph you for I do not believe up to this moment there is a single member of the Board that knows any thing of it except myself & I did not say a word to him about it nor have I said a word to any one except to Stone I suppose Monroe inferred what he told you from a Message he saw from Stone to Mr. ^{or not conclude} which was to this effect that he could look out from the arrangement with Mr. Cornell if I thought best for him to take that course, to which I made no reply. Now I will tell you what I said that made Mr. Stone thus telegraph me; When he first told me of your plans & propositions to him I said to him that I was fearful you would use the line at some future time when the Morse patent should expire to direct business to Binghamton & thence to NY & that I regretted he had not let our Co know about it before he gave up his arrangements to you, this is all I have said about it. I do not blame you but I can readily see what you can do with such a line when your NY & W. L. Line comes back into your hands, but go a head & take care of yourself as

you have a right to do. For one I am
entirely disheartened & discouraged in this
telegraph business. You know what I told
you about the extravagant demands of Mr Wood
I am now fully satisfied that he was encouraged to
make those demands, & that while I have been laboring
night & day to take care of the interests of this Co without
any help in any way in negotiating contracts & H H
except the Contract for Consolidation and attending
to every department connected with the business of
the Company & working harder than I have ever
done in any other business in my life as you can
witness I have had enemies in the Camp were
working against me in the Board. After Mr.
Wood returned home I employed Mr Allen to come
and take Charge of the Circuits & the operating
department of the line & to stay principally in
the Utica office with his duties defined which
he was perfectly satisfied with but he had not
been here ten days before he sent a communication
to the Board claiming that he could not work the
line unless he had about the same powers that
Mr Wood had claimed. Two weeks ago last Saturday
I came home from N Y in stating what had passed
in an interview with Craig Mr Walker incidentally
remarked that the Board would have a meeting on
Monday & then they would attend to Craig's matters
now this meeting had been agreed upon & decided upon
by Walker & Chapman & perhaps Mr Kane & it was

no doubt after talking with & putting up Allen
to come in with a written communication to
the Board covering a sheet of paper setting forth the
importance of his having the entire charge of the
line, the Board met & Mr. Allen came forward
with his communication & it appeared to be understood
by Mr. Walker & Mann ^{& Chapman} that such a communication
was to be presented. I cited some very foolish things
that Mr. Allen had already done ~~doing~~ & while doing
so Mr. Chapman called some of my statements in question
& otherwise abused me & the result was an adjournment
without any action on Mr. Allen's letter but during the
whole Mr. Walker & Chapman tried to sustain Mr. Allen
in his demands & tried to make it out that the line could
not be worked without he had the powers asked for and
last Saturday ^{Even} Mr. Walker came into the office very
late & put tin & began to talk & pretend that I
was doing more than any 5 men ought to do & I could
not work miracles & & & that he should have a Genl
upt. to do all the outside work & & that the Pres.
should not be required to do any outside business but
all he should do would be to negotiate contracts & preside
at Board meetings & then said that Mr. Mann & Childs
were dissatisfied & thought the line was running down
& that on Monday (Yesterday) they Childs & Mann
were going to insist on sending for Mr. Wm. Walker
seemed to be agitated & had been in the office several
times during the evening but seemed to lack
courage to tell me but I understood the whole

The fact is he wants the situation of President if
a Sept can be worked in & I can be used to work as I have
done right & day to put the line in first rate order then
at the next Election Mr. Walker will have his Sept^r
and take the Presidency, if Mr. Mann does not out
General him for both many opinion are desirous
of it not to labor & toil right & day as I have done but
to take the honor & salary particularly Walker as he
is doing nothing now that amounts to any thing - Therein
this difficulty with Craig of which I suppose you
have heard. I have stood alone for Craig & have
advocated making arrangements with Craig on
fair terms & to do it in such a way as to keep in
with the press but Chapman & Haptons old grudges
have been nursed & instilled into Walker so that he will
not hear to any thing & the consequence is that the Board
have got into a regular quarrel with Craig & cut off on
the first of May the Reports through this state which in
my opinion is the most foolish ~~thing~~ & suicidal policy
that could possibly be done & in the scrape I am
looked upon as a Craig man & the whole Board is
against me. I think they would be glad to have me
resign if they only had some one to take charge of
the line but they are not quite ready for me to do it
but I shall not gratify them I intend to be turned out
before I will resign to gratify any individual who
wants to undermine me to get my position I could
tell you many things I cant write one thing
is certain Allen has not brains enough to handle
last him over night & I think they are fearful to
risk all with him & will probably without
my knowledge correspond with Wood & if he will
come then Allen may walk the plank or take
charge of an office. I will tell you the rest
when I see you. I want you to give me timely
notice of Catons meeting. I would like your
advice in this dilemma now. If the Am. Co want this line
they can get control by buying some of our stock which would
be a speculation.

Dufur 10th May 7th 1856

E Cornell

Dear Sir.

I had expected to hear from you before this. I thought something would be doing about the repairing or removing the line. It is down between Dr & Ft Wayne and also between De & Toledo. I have made no attempt this Spring to repair it and cannot think of doing so until the amt now due you from you is paid. I am in the most urgent need of the balance due. The failure of getting it when due has been the cause of great inconvenience Embarrassment and loss to me. and the want of it now still continues the cause of much inconvenience.

I regard the claim as being in every respect a just one and the circumstances under which it has arisen make it in some respects as a debt of honor; at all events it is a just and legal claim. and has been long due and you have promised many times to pay it before now.

I enclose a statement of the account as it now stands.

The total amt due up to the 1st of April 1856 is 187.52 without reckoning any interest. with just it would exceed \$200. But if you will send me forthwith \$150 I will give you a receipt in full of all demands. I am really in distress for funds. and for the sake of a little money to use in my, and of settling up this matter am willing to make this discount. Will you do it? Will you not try to forward the amount without delay? Please let me know what is to be done with the line &c

Yours Respectfully
A Strong

Washington May 7th 1856

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir, A commission is out authorizing Jed. B. Commons of Detroit to take the depositions of Mr. Speed and yourself in the F. O. J. Smith case.

I have written Mr. Commons and Mr. Speed that if it will suit the mutual convenience of the parties we would like to have the depositions taken about the 26th or 28th of this month, and that I would get you to ascertain what time would be mutually convenient and inform me. Will you do me the favor to consult them by telegraph or otherwise and inform me of the result.

Smith has again threatened a claim for damages because we decline joining him in a suit vs the New York & Erie Railroad Co!

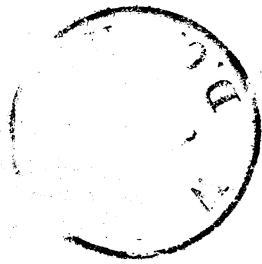
Yours truly

Amos Kendall

Prest.

Albion

Mich.



E. Cornell Esq.

Albion.

Michigan.

P. A. H. Hurdell
May 7. 1856

Abion May, 12, 1856

My Dear Mary Ann

Please accept a certificate of E & M
Tel Stock of 11. shares = This will be a dividend
of About \$1.50 per share declared on this stock
payable the 1st June,

This will make up your budget of stock
to 70 shares, or \$3.500

Yours Affectionably
E. Correll

Mary Ann Correll

Ithaca N.Y.

**MORSE'S
AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.**

CONSOLIDATION OF HOUSE AND MORSE LINES.

New-York, Albany and Buffalo Line,

COMMUNICATING WITH

CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, DETROIT, CHICAGO, MILWAUKIE,
ST. LOUIS, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, TORONTO, HAMILTON,

AND ALL INTERMEDIATE STATIONS

WEST AND NORTH.

OFFICES, 2½ WALL-STREET,

CORN EXCHANGE, ST. NICHOLAS AND METROPOLITAN HOTELS.

New-York, May 13, 1856, o'clock, P. M.

By Telegraph from Cleveland 13

To W. B. C.

A Letter with instructions
for taking a deposition in a
suit agt the E & M High
Co is mailed this P.M. for
you - E. C. said a Mr
Chester to attend to it will
you see to it -

J. M. Subbs

At a meeting of Directors of the
Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company
held at Detroit May 13th 1856 It was

Resolved That E Cornell and
Croslin be appointed Directors to
represent the Erie and Michigan
Telegraph Company in the board
of Directors of the New York and
Mississippi Valley Printing Company
or Western Union Telegraph
Company as specified in the
contract of consolidation with full
power to act as such Directors
as is therein contemplated -

Resolved That E Cornell be and he is hereby
appointed the Agent and Representative of the Erie
and Michigan Telegraph Company for the
purposes mentioned in the fifth article of the
contract of consolidation between the Erie and
Michigan Telegraph Company and the New
York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company
which took effect Nov^r 1st 1855 -
E. C. Wendell Secy -

Detroit May 30th 1856

I hereby certify that the foregoing is
a true copy of two resolutions
passed by the Board of directors of the
Erie & Michigan Telegraph com-
pany at a meeting held by said
Board at their office in Detroit
on the thirtieth day of May in-
stant, as the same are recorded in
the book of the proceedings of said
Board. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand this 30th day
of May A.D. 1856.

C. E. Wendell
Secretary of said Board

Meadville May 15, 1856

Gents

In looking over the dispatches sent to this office by Randall & Blanchard and examining the subject of the value of Wool, I am led to doubt the making of an error in the transmission of their message.

Every Wool man here says that Wool advanced through the season of 1853, that it was higher in June than in May, and higher the middle of June than during the fore part of that month.

I find that H Blanchard sent the following messages -

"From Cleveland May 1. To C. C. Hudson Meadville Pa. Go forty four, good Merdum, Harris with myself wish to visit you & Bower, at Courant, this evening, Can you see Bower - Signed H Blanchard"

Again "From Cleveland June 4, 1853 to C C Hudson Meadville Pa. Don't go forty four unless high Merdum, What have you paid And we here Signed Randall"

High Medium is good Merchants lots.

Wool kept advancing from this time on, and about this time the competition among buyers was on the increase.

On the 13th June Hudson telegraphed Blanchard as follows

"Meadville June 13. To H Blanchard
Chester O. Power not withdrawn, Men
unlimited expected today, Kibbe Warren expected
hourly, What is he about? Jakes talk dont
alarm, Prices and quality ten above my
last seasons views, and not much above
yours when here, Low prices of others must
be positive or we loose, Now or perhaps
never, Willt do? Little high but think will.
What mark? or let them pass if necessary,
no Gap. C C Hudson"

This message plainly shows to Blanchard
that they could not hold the wool in obeyance
any longer, their old competitor Brown
was still in the field, and others expected
and did arrive on the day this is dated

A Mr Whellden from Philadelphia was here
and in the Market Early on the 14 June

Under such circumstances it is highly improbable that Randall instructed Hudson to put the price at forty Cents, as they both well knew that they could not buy a fleece of Wool at that price here.

It would be most natural for them to telegraph as the message was rec^d here to buy at 45 Cts. Message rec^d here as follows, From Pennsville 14 June to C C Hudson Meadville. Merchants lots forty five. If you can't, Get their lowest prices, Reply here this afternoon. Cleveland this evening

Signed Randall "

The advancing Market, the increase of competition, the price they had been instructing Hudson to pay early in the month, and the excitement of Hudson and the nature of his dispatch of the 13, all go to render it morally certain that they authorized the paying of 45 Cts, and if a different dispatch has been found in ^{Pennsville} Meadville office as the original, it must be that fraud connected with its being there -

Yours
E Cornell

Randall Cooke & Co

The Erie & Michigan
Telegraph Co

Depositions Taken
before Mr D Lusk
at Meadville on the
part of Defense

Mr D Lusk For Depositions May 18 & 19/56 \$3.00

do -- -- -- 15/56 2.00

- - - Certificate fee .25

J R Dick with 3 days 1.50

J J Shryock - 3 - 1.50

C W Burton 2 - 1.00

Mr S Drew 1 - .50

C W Mead 1 - .50

H R Gurnapp 1 - .50

C Hastings 1 - .50

\$ 11.25

Received from C W Burton ten dollars
being money which Deft. sent him to
pay fees. And the bal one dollar
twenty five cents from the Deft.

May 15-1856

Mr D. Lusk

Is it not a good time to make the proposition
we talked of of giving the co 10 per cent & take all
over for Expenses &c
Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company,

Albany, May 21st 1856

E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have had a frank & free
conversation with Mr. Edmunds one of our directors
about my position & things that are brewing of
which I talked with you. He was very frank
with me & said the Board had resolved on a change
of policy. He said the Board was well satisfied with
what I had done that I had done more than I ought
to have done & had tried to do too much & that no
man could stand it to do as I was doing but they
had got the idea that I was so determined to do
every thing myself that I would not work with
any one else, that I & Palmer could not agree &
from remarks I made about Woods coming that I
could not agree with him & now I did not agree
with Allen & they had therefore agreed to change
the present system of doing business & appoint
a Superintendent to do the whole business
- and a sitting President with a nominal salary
say of \$500. This is just what I predicted and
is only an excuse to carry Mann or Walker into
the Presidency just as I said to you I said to him
how can a Superintendent do all this work
if I can't do it they say there is too much for
me to do & more than any one man can do &

Geo. Curtis May 21. 56

yet they talk about getting a Supt.
to do it all I said to Mr. Edmunds that
I could work with any one that would work
but when they had a man like Palmer and
Allen that would not do any thing but
talk & leave the work undone of course
had to do it I said to him that if they would
appoint Alonzo the Supt. of the working
department & leave me to do the Genl. business
of the line such as repairing & building &
making contracts & settling damages &c I had
no doubt he could agree & have every thing
go along & the business all be done up.

They think I would not be willing to
take the office of sitting Prest. at a nominal
salary of \$500. & therefore they do not think of
making me the Prest. There is a design in
all this plausibility of two or three of the
Directors & the rest will probably fall in
with them not understanding their design.
I said to Mr. Edmunds that there was
enough to do to occupy the whole time of myself
and work as I had done & also to occupy the
whole energies of a good Supt. & that I could
work with any good man that they might
appoint a Supt. if he had any work in him &
that I should be glad to be relieved. If they
go on with their plan of appointing a Supt.
to take the whole ^{charge} & no one for him to have
to assist him I shall not want to hold the
stock they say I have more to do than any man
can do & give me full credit for all I am doing
& have done & yet think a Supt. can do it all
yours in haste &c



Oswego, May 21st 1856

C. Cornell Esq
Ithaca -

Dear Sir

Your favor of 19th duly
recd. - Mr T Toucher does not sustain a very
good reputation in this community - he has some
property, but do not think it can be reached -

He is not a man that could get business to transact
for others here, where he is well known -

His father & brothers are good & responsible - &
sustain first rate reputation, & I am informed on
making the enquiry, that they sometimes endorse for
him, but they choose so to do, it would make
his paper good.

I should not recommend
any great dependence on his statements, nor
would I enter into any business arrangements with
him, unless I was most thoroughly protected -

Respectfully yours

Wm. I. Tozer.

Confidential

Rochester May 21. 1836

J. Cornell Esq.
Sir

Mr Clarke returned
last night, and we succeeded in getting
a meeting today, at which we passed
the enclosed resolution. I also send you
copy of statement submitted by me to
the board. They concluded that the
dividend was payable to the stockholders
on the day the same was declared.
Iy send me the certified list as soon
as you can

Yours Resp^{ly}.

Saml R Elworth.

At a meeting of the
Board of Directors of the
Western Union Telegraph
Company, held at the office
of the Secretary on the 21st
day of May 1856.

The Secretary having
submitted a statement of the receipts and
expenses of the lines operated by this Company
from the first day of November 1855 to the
1st day of April 1856. and an estimate for
the month of April, from which it appears that
three tenths of the net earnings (after paying
all current expenses, and also paying \$2300
on account of the bonded debt of this Company)
will amount to about the sum of Three
Thousand, four hundred & twenty two dollars
equal to three per cent dividend on \$114,000.
being the stock of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph
Company - Therefore.

Resolved. That in accordance with Article 3
of the contract between the said Erie and
Michigan Telegraph Company & this Company
a dividend of three per cent be declared pay-
-able to the stockholders of the said Erie and
Michigan Telegraph Company, as the same
shall appear from the books of said last
named Company; that the said dividend
be paid on the 15th day of June next -
provided a list of the said stockholders, the
amount held by each, & their residence, so far as
known, be furnished to the Secretary on or before

the first day of June next; and that on the receipt of such list, the Secretary notify such stockholders of said Company of the said dividend & the place of payment -

(copy)

J. A. Elwood
Secy

Resolution
passed on 17th Feb 56
declaring dividend
May 21, 1856

Exchange Albion May 26, 1856

My Dear Mary Ann

I got up at 5 A.M. this morning, and have taken a walk. It is a lovely morning nature having refreshed herself with a nights repose, and a shower bath, her robes are fresh clean and fragrant, the feathered choir has warbled forth a serenade, and all nature sends up praise to God.

I am awaiting breakfast and the stage for Jonesville, to attend at that place a meeting of S. M. Directors this P.M.

I was at Chicago Saturday, the morning oppressive hot, a change of wind about noon made the evening uncomfortable cool. I left at 9 P.M. and arrived at Albion Sunday morning.

While at Ch. I felt a little soreness in my right side, which has increased till it begins to be troublesome. I think it is caused by some derangement of the liver and shall have to doctor for it as soon as I can procure advice & medicine.

Our folks are all well, Father & Deborah went out last evening to a lecture at the Hall. Deborah & her family expects to start tomorrow or next day for their Forest home, Abram or Edwards expects to go with them.

I shall write you again soon or go home to be doctored if my side dont get better.

Mary Ann

Yours Affectionably
E. Cornell

Detroit May 26. 56

J. Cornell Esq.

Albion Dear Sir - I recd. yr 2
despatches, one of the 24th the other to-day
I had previously recd. Ellwood's copy of a
letter to Mr. Wood, & also a copy of the
resolution of the Union Co. insisting
upon paying the dividends over to
our stockholders instead of our
Treasurer. This is in my mind a wrong
construction of the articles of consolidation,
and I had so written Ellwood. Still I
recommended you to send an accurate
list of our stockholders, at the same
time protesting that the dividends
should be paid over to our board or
to our Treasurer. — We are in their
power, & they see it. Look well to
every step you take. — Judge Selden
says he cannot persuade the parties to
settle the suit, except by arbitration,
I propose that mode, and, as one of its
conditions, that our individual stock-
holders shall not be held liable for any
account for the pretended violation of
the plaintiffs' rights. I don't like any
of these movements. Yours truly.

Wm. Howard

P.S. - The fact is I am so occupied with public & professional business that it would be in my opinion decidedly for the interests of our Co. to have here some person who could attend promptly to the all the details of our bot. tel. business, except the suits, without referring to me. - If you could spend a larger portion of your time here, the difficulty could be remedied; for it is next to impossible for me to attend to these matters & keep up with the perpetual correspondence of the Rochester firm.

J.M.H.

Utica May 29 1856
Mr. E. Cornell

I enclose to
you ^{Elmer} Scripts for 225 Shares
of the Ohio Ind & Ill Tel
Stock which you will
have transferred to me on the
receipt of same. I suppose no
time has been set to close the
transfer Books & therefore you
can have the Stock transferred to
me at once before the Election
and then you can note on the
Proxy enclosed which is signed
by Messrs Charles Walker Tipton
and myself. We thought best
to send it all in one proxy.
You will send me a Scrip
for 225 Shares in my name.
Please let us know what
is done at the annual
meeting if any thing
important. Yours
Geo Curtis

Geo. F. Carter
26 May 56

The property is for

66 shares S. S. Childers

66 do J. J. Furston

100 do J. R. Walker

146 do G. Curtis

225 do do do

623 to be transferred }

Could not find Mr. Furston
to get his signature in time
to mail it G. C.

Coluneth May 29/56

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 26th

This evening speaking of the Receipts this of
it amounts to \$4.68^{cts} that is the whole from
the first of February up to the 29th of May. I
did not make any account of it. I only spiked the
Receipts & they were not dated & so I could not tell
you the Receipts of each month. I did not think it
was necessary if it ^{to put an account of it it amounted to set a table} it
was necessary if it ^{is} I will have after there was
one dollar & sixty-eight ^{cts} was sent to the Cashier
at Adrian & there was 36 ^{cts} I paid for a key
used for a chest of & 3 ^{cts} for soldering & the
remainder I have now

Yours Respectfully
Joseph Vincent

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Dear friend
Newcastle May 29th 1856

I go to Cleveland next Tuesday
to see the directors of the Cleveland & Newcastle
Rail Road on Wednesday, & would be glad to see
you if you were coming around there about that time
You say you can tell me something to my advantage
or help me in the matter spoken of in your letter -
I need help & shall be most thankful & gratified
for anything of the kind. How are you getting along?
I hear you have nothing to do now with the telegraph
I still entertain the opinion that you will be swindled
out of your line, but I hope for better things. The scoundrels
in the National Co. have acted out their true character with
me, but I deserve it & I suppose for being so honest and
trustworthy I have reaped the reward of such folly. I
have sued them but presume it will be like all
litigation result in the benefit of the lawyers & no one else
so goes the world. It is the same in high or low life I
see but little difference, there is no honesty left in the
world & nothing but rascality & roveryism as illustrated
by recent acts of Congress & the Kansas matter. I don't
know what the world is coming to - every day develops
new forms of the depravity of man - Please write me to
Cleveland if you do not come. Please give my kindest regards
to Mr. & Mrs. Wood, family & believe me your truly
E. Cornell Egan W. F. Faw

Elkhart May 30th 1856
O. Cornell Esq
Dr Sir

You wish to
be informed how much money
I have received for Telegraphing
and what disposition I have made
of it. I have never received any
orders in regard to it and for
that reason have never kept any
account of it. I supposed that
the receipts of the office went to the
Operator and to pay the expenses
of the office. I should like to be
informed whether that is right or
or wrong and what disposition
I shall make of it. I don't know
what the Operator before me done with
the receipts. I have paid the expenses
of the office except one gallon of

Elkhart Mich

of Nitric Acid. I have been
here but three months

Your obedient Servant

J. M. Harrington
Telegraph & Ticket Agent